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TO THE WARSAW CONVENTION, MONTREAL, SEPT. 1975

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1. ON MAY 31, EMBOFF GAVE SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO DR. BENZ BUCHMULLER WHO WILL BE SWISS REP AT JUNE 24-25 INTRA-EUROPEAN MEETING ON AVIATION MATTERS IN OSLO AND AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE, (AIR OFFICE DIRECTOR GULDIMANN WILL ATTEND ONLY LAST HALF OF MONTREAL CONFERENCE).

2. AFTER CONSULTING WITH GULDIMANN, NATIONAL BANK, AND SWISS AIR, BUCHMULLER SAID SWISS VERY GREATFUL FOR USG  
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INITIATIVE ON THIS MATTER AND OUTLINED FOLLOWING POSITION. SWISS

FULL AGREE THAT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL ONLY IF BROAD CONSENSUS ON REVISION OF GUATEMALA REACHED BEFORE SEPTEMBER. IN PRINCIPLE, SWISS SHARE US VIEWS ON CARGO PROPOSAL AND ON ADOPTION SDR IN PLACE OF GOLD FRANC BUT WOULD PREFERE CREATION OF ENTIRELY NEW CONVENTION, RATHER THAN AMENDING HAGUE/GUATEMALA. NEW CONVENTION COULD TAKE OVER GUATEMALA REULS ON PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE, INCORPORATE SDR CLAUSE, AND ADOPT NEW CARGO PROVISIONS.

3. DESPITE GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION, SWISS PREFER WAIT UNTIL AFTER OSLO MEETING AT END OF JUNE BEFORE DECIDING ON CO-SPONSORSHIP OF US PROPOSAL. BUCHMULLER SAID IF US PROPOSAL FORMALLY CONSIDERED AT OSLO, DISCUSSIONS LIKELY BE EXTENSIVE AND SWISS FEAR THIS COULD DISRUPT SCHEDULED BUSINESS OF MEETING. BUCHMULLER ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT US PROPOSAL SURE TO BE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AT OSLO. WHILE SWISS APPRECIATE TIME PRESSURES, THEY BELIEVE ARNOLD KEAN OF UK CORRECT THAT SEPARATE MEETING ON US PROPOSAL SHOULD BE HELD SOMETIME AFTER INTRA-EUROPEAN SESSION.

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